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Three miss NSW v. Victoria

Victoria will miss Alan Davidson, George Christopoulos and Yatka Banovic in its match against NSW at Olympic Park No. 2 ground on Sunday at 3 pm.

The three players are with the Australian team competing in the Oceania Cup in Noumea.

NSW coach Lee Baumgartner has named a squad made up only of State League players.

The squads, with shirt numbers, for the first match between the States in 10 years are:

VICTORIA

1. P. Lamont
2. S. Short (Croatia)
3. J. Tandy (Heidelberg)
4. J. Yamada (Heidelberg)
5. S. Kokots (Croatia)
6. J. Campbell (Heidelberg)
7. J. Trout (Croatia)
8. J. Rooney (Heidelberg)
9. C. Gilder (Croatia)
10. J. Picone (U.S.A.)
11. T. Cumming (Croatia)
12. J. Williams (Slovia)
13. J. Gardiner (Croatia)
14. J. Petrie (Heidelberg)
15. D. Cole (Heidelberg)
16. N. Mitten (Croatia)

NEW SOUTH WALES

1. S. Wilson (Croatia)
2. P. Thomas (Banksstown)
3. W. Palmer (Syd Olympic)
4. S. McDonald (Croatia)
5. P. Milne (Croatia)
6. N. Wilson (Marrickville)
7. C. Hall (Marrickville)
8. J. Faragio (Malte E)
9. A. Scott (Syd Olympic)
10. B. Capel (Croatia)
11. C. Eaton (Syd Olympic)
12. D. Daley (Bankstown)
13. N. Davis (Bankstown)
14. F. Leyton (North Sydney)
15. P. Carter (Auburn)
Reserve goalkeeper: P. Wilson (Syd Olympic)

WE'RE GETTING INTO A MESS AGAIN

In America they say that soccer is a kick in the grass. In Australia at present, soccer needs a hefty kick in the you know where.

For slowly but surely the game once more is getting itself into a mess.

All the warning signs are out. They must not be ignored.

The most pathetic part of it all, is that the present crisis has come at a time when soccer should

be making inroads into the opposition.

Once again the limitations of our administrators have been exposed. Nothing in this department has changed since Captain Cook discovered the place umpteen years ago.

On the surface, we are led to believe that everything in the garden is rosy, with big TV deals, sponsorship and other wonderful things about to take place.

But a close look under the surface shows great cracks beginning to show in the foundations. It is a situation that must be remedied and not swept under the carpet.

Just look at the present scene —

- The proposed centenary tournament in tatters through the withdrawal of Wales and Yugoslavia.

- England not sending its top team here afterall for the big centenary game against the Socceroos at the SCG on May 31.

- A big haggle over the proposed TV deal because the ABC already has the rights to the 1982 and 1986 World Cups signed up.

- Everything is far from well in the Philips League, with suggestions of breakaways and rebellion among the clubs.

- A number of key national team players not yet naturalised and therefore in doubt for World Cup games.

- National coach Rudi Gutendorf far from happy with the "help" he is getting, or to be precise, not getting from some officials.

I could continue the list but it would hurt my heart to do so.

In taking a closer look at some of the points I have mentioned, one finds some inexcusable actions on the part of our administrators.

The system — if any — of bringing touring teams here must be completely re-organised, as the present set up is a mess. All it does is embarrass the code and everyone connected with it.

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TOM ANDERSON

Change or die —grim warning



Frank Lowy

national Federation,"

Lowy told the small gathering of Hakoah Club members.

"The problems we are faced with are not just those of our club but problems of the code and the administration of the game itself, as presently constituted in this country."

Lowy claimed that many of the ASF's actions are "to the detriment of soccer generally".

As an example, he mentioned "a tendency for State and national teams — not to mention visiting international teams — to be glamourised and boosted to the skies, while the clubs who provide the players bleed every week on the field for lack of support and promotion."

"The big, highly-publicised matches and even successful overseas tours by the Socceroos, have, unfortunately, very little spin-off for the clubs, even while they make the 'roof' of Australian soccer look good."

"In the meantime the foundations are very shaky and in danger of collapse," Lowy warned.

He expressed the hope that the ASF will recognise the problems and takes steps to correct them, before it is "too late".

The Sydney City president called for universal recognition of the fact that Australian soccer's strength depends on the strength of its clubs.

Problems in attracting crowds of a notable size in Sydney were highlighted by Lowy, who admitted his own club's failure in this respect.

He urged that the problem be alleviated by a joint effort of the PSL clubs and the ASF itself, and demanded that everybody take on a fair share of the financial burden involved.

By
PETER SCOTT



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**Ampol Cup
to Croatia**

Player-coach John Gardiner holds up the Victorian Ampol Cup which Essendon Croats won by beating Heidelberg United 2-1 in the final on Saturday. Standing, from left: Blazby, Trout, Kokoska, Murphy, Gardiner, Short (front), Gilder (rear), Mitten, Klarin, Batinovic, Kovac. Front: Gojevic, Cumming, Culina, Istuk, Pavlovic (official). Picture by LES SHORROCK

Sydney's no longer the soccer capital

Many supporters of Newcastle KB United expected me to retire at the end of last season, thinking it was the natural thing for a player to do once he is on the wrong side of 30.

Retirement perhaps crossed my mind during the closed season, but I knew I would regret my decision if I quit soccer. I'd be pretty sorry if I gave the game away and then decided halfway through the season that I wanted to play again.

It's harder to keep fit once you're over 30 but I don't mind putting in the extra work. I train 12 months of the year and find that I'm as fit as anyone else once the season is in full swing.

When I stop playing, I want to be sure I'm doing the right thing. The time to retire comes when a player loses his place, finds training a great strain and has no more enthusiasm for soccer. Age also means to give it up, and I'm certainly keen to keep going with Newcastle. The past seasons have been my most enjoyable in club soccer. I haven't had so much enthusiasm since the days of the 1973-74 World Cup when I represented Australia.

Joining Newcastle two seasons ago gave me a new lease of life. I've always been a Newcastle boy at heart and through, and it was a great thrill to play for my hometown club in the national league.

Even when I was playing in Sydney, I lived in Newcastle. I couldn't settle in Sydney and so I had to make the 300 km round trip to play with Western Suburbs.

I played in Sydney soccer for eight years and during that time the city was the capital of Australian soccer. All the best players and top coaches were with Sydney

clubs, which were the richest and strongest in the country.

In the past, the Australian national coach would be based in Sydney and rarely would have to leave the city because the entire national team played in the NSW State League.

But Sydney is no longer the centre of Australian soccer and I can't see too much hope for Sydney soccer in the future.

Most Sydney clubs are struggling to attract big crowds and are not as strong as they used to be.

And now the country's best players aren't all based in Sydney. Also you'll find top coaches in Newcastle, Melbourne, Adelaide and other cities.

The problem is that there's too many clubs in Sydney. The public has many forms of entertainment on the weekends and Sydney soccer is suffering because of this.

There is some following for soccer in Sydney and these people want to see good soccer games. Unfortunately, there are too many Philips League clubs in Sydney trying to attract these people.

Marconi is able to draw 6,000 spectators regularly but after that there's not much. APIA can draw fair crowds

By COL CURRAN



We played some great soccer but unfortunately our lack of condition meant we couldn't keep it up. The Czechs bought on a couple of experienced players and it was only a matter of time before they scored goals.

Newcastle lost 5-3, but it was a great result for the club and the European champion.

Newcastle can improve this season if we don't give away so many silly goals. Last season the defense tended to lose concentration at the vital times, and a couple of times we surrendered 2-0 or 3-0 leads, and had to scramble a draw.

With the addition of Paul Reaney, the defence will be more composed and hopefully will not concede so many silly goals.

The arrival of Reaney is a great boost to me. When I was younger I tried to model myself on Reaney when he played with Leeds Utd.

Terry Cooper, a team mate of Reaney's at Leeds, was another player on whom I modelled myself.

Reaney has so much experience, and everyone at Newcastle will benefit.

Even though I'm nearing the end of my career, I can learn from him and I'm looking forward to playing alongside the former England international.

Tony Dunne, the former Manchester Utd full back, had a great influence on me as a youngster. Ray Baartz and I spent a year with Manchester Utd in 1965 and Dunne was of tremendous help, giving me hints on full back play and pointing out my errors.

My year at Manchester Utd as a professional was an important part of my career. You learn so much when you eat drink and sleep soccer, and I returned to Australia much wiser.

Perhaps I should have stayed longer but homesickness and the cold weather drove me back to Newcastle. Still,

I will not forget my 12 months in England.

I'm looking forward to scoring a few more goals this season. My goal-scoring is one thing that has improved since I joined Newcastle and I like nothing more than to hit the back of the net.

In the past two seasons I have scored 11 goals, compared with only three in eight seasons before that. A slight improvement, you will note! However, the improved scoring rate hasn't come because I've been attacking more. In fact, I've played more defensively since joining Newcastle.

When I played with Western Suburbs and the Australian national team, I was attacking all the time. But when it came to scoring the goals, there were always other players to finish off the chances.

Ken Boden scored many goals for Newcastle in the past two seasons, but I have been given responsibility for taking free kicks near goal. I've always had a strong shot and I enjoy the chance of having a break.

And because I don't move up-field so much these days, when I do get the chance to move forward I'll shoot on sight. I'm willing to let go with a shot as long as I'm in range and luckily I've been pretty successful over the past two seasons.

I suppose deep down I'm a frustrated forward but that doesn't mean I don't like playing defence.

However, I'd like to be able to get in 10 shots at goal in every game.

Of course, Newcastle has many other players capable of scoring goals. Joe Senkalski is brilliant at attacking from the midfield, and will get a few goals.

Joe has had a long career at the top, even though he was unlucky in suffering an injury on the tour of China by the Australian team.

Peter Tredinnick is another youngster with a lot of promise, but he must be encouraged.

I was alarmed when Tredinnick and Bergogna returned to Newcastle from an Australian training camp recently with their confidence shot to pieces.

Apprentice coach Gutendorf had got stuck into them and they were demoralised. Young players shouldn't be treated like this.

I haven't got a lot of time for Rudi Gutendorf after my first experience with him. He selected me to play against New Zealand in Auckland last year, and although Australia lost 1-0, I didn't think I went too badly. New Zealand played very well and would have beaten any opponent that night.

After the match, Gutendorf was quoted in a Newcastle newspaper saying he would give me another chance in the Australian team.

However, I wasn't selected to play against Partizan Belgrade, and haven't been looked at since.

Gutendorf didn't tell me the New Zealand match would be my first and last under him, and didn't tell me why I wasn't given another chance, after he was quoted as saying I would be.

In my opinion, he doesn't communicate with the players enough. He gave us no clear instructions in New Zealand and from what I have gathered, he still doesn't tell the players exactly what he wants.

And how can we expect to form a strong national team if he is chopping and changing all the time?

Gutendorf could take a leaf out of Rale Basic's book. Basic was a very good man with players, and told them exactly what was happening. Basic won the players' respect and so he was able to take Australia to the World Cup finals in West Germany.

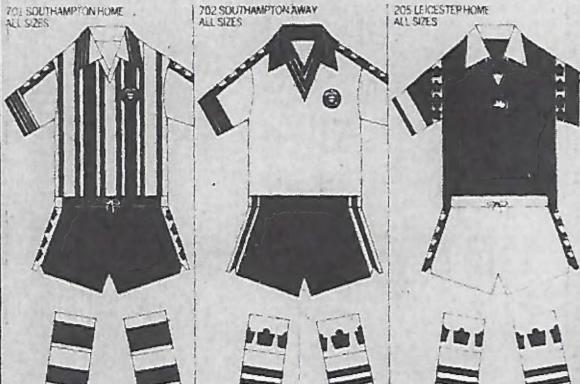
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Col Curran (left) and KB team mate Bill Summerscales combine to foil Dragan Vasic of Footscray J.U.S.T.

Heidelberg meets J.U.S.T. Saturday

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg United will play a practice match at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Saturday at 4 pm.

Curtain-raiser at 2.30 pm is between the Second Division teams of the two clubs.

Victorian youth representative Tim Vukovic, 18, of Melbourne, has been training with J.U.S.T. and probably will sign with the club. Vukovic is striker.

J.U.S.T. hopes to sign a player from England and one from Yugoslavia.

Its only new player so far is left back Chris Petrov, the former Victorian representative who played for Sunshine Coast, Dandenong, Malvern and Dandenong.

FIGURES TELL A SAD STORY

From page one

The size of the burden was graphically illustrated by Sydney City Soccer Club's financial statement for 1979, which showed that expenditures amounted to \$251,386 (compared with the 1978 total of \$205,805), while income was only \$101,879 (down from \$111,293 the previous year).

Gate receipts at home games were only \$41,056, a drop of almost \$10,000.

This in spite of Sydney City spending almost \$16,000 on advertising and promotion, an increase of nearly \$13,000 on the preceding 12 months.

John Warren, who acted as the club's promotions officer in 1979, is no longer with Sydney City.

However, by far the biggest item of expenditure was under players' fees, bonuses and retainers — a staggering \$132,553, but

showing only a moderate increase of less than \$2,000 since 1978.

It is perhaps a reflection of the financial mess in which major PSL clubs find themselves that Sydney City's contribution to juniors last year dropped to \$3221, almost \$2,000 below the 1978 level.

The deficit on soccer activities last year was \$149,507 covered only by the successful trading of the Hakoah Social Club, which showed a net surplus for the year of \$240,389.

President Lowy also used the occasion of the annual general meeting to call on club members, who have been staying away from soccer in droves, to once again patronise games.

"If we can't get your support, what hope is there of attracting the general public?" he asked.

Australia's best?

Victoria aims to beat NSW at Olympic Park No. 2 Oval on Sunday to provide it is the strongest State in Australia. The Vice., pictured, are, back row from left: Len McKendry (coach), John Gardiner, Steve Short, Alan Davidson, Peter Laurnet, Gary Cole, Carl Glider, Steve Kokoska, Yakkia Banovic, Jim Tansey. Front: Joe Piclone, Joe Tront, Jim Williams, Tommy Cumming, Jamie Peton, John Yzendoorn, Jimmy Rooney.

CHRISTOPOULOS, HUNTER AND KAY OUTSTANDING

NEW CALEDONIA 0 AUSTRALIA 8 (Krnecic 3, Kay 2, Hunter 2, Moulis). Ocean Cup first round in Noumea.

Ratings:

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 7 (Banovic 9) — Moulis 7, Christopoulos 10, Bartogas 8, Bozanic 6 — Raskopoulos 7 (Hunter 10), Davidson 8, Hogg 8 — Kay 10, Krnecic 9, Sharne 9 (Blair 8).



Bobby Charlton

Charlton playing in Perth

Bobby Charlton is playing with Perth Azzurri in the Western Australian night series before heading for Sydney to play for Blacktown City in the opening round of the Phillips League.

The WA Federation put up \$6000 to bring Charlton to Perth to help promote the game, and Azzurri paid Charlton \$1500 to play three night games for the club.

A further \$5500 was paid by Perth firm Solahart in addition to the money it usually provides to sponsor the night series.

Apart from playing in matches, Charlton also is making appearances at shopping centres and at schools.

Charlton played one guest game with Newcastle XB United in the PSL in 1978, lost 1-2 to Australia with his British all-stars in 1976 and toured with Manchester United in 1968.

Charlton scored for Azzurri in its 3-1 victory over Gosnells City at Lake Monger Velodrome in his first match.

The moment everyone had waited for came when young Tony Falcone battled for possession and then slipped the ball to Chris Proctor who sent over a perfect cross to Charlton.

Charlton ran wide and angled the ball back past goalkeeper Owen Nuttridge who had done everything right to narrow the pathway to goal.

But Charlton's shot was perfectly placed with the right amount of power to beat Nuttridge.

Charlton's only game for Blacktown City will be against St. George at Gabbie Stadium.

I was completely lost for words after this fantastic performance by my young Socceroos. Luckily there were other people to tell the story of this thumping victory.

Charlie Dempsey, the prominent New Zealand official, said he had never seen such modern football from a team so young. Australia's average age is 19.4. New Caledonia's is 29.

French referee Wurtz expressed a similar opinion. "It is unbelievable that such a young team can turn on such modern, offensive football," he told me after the game.

And Wurtz should know. He has refereed all over the world, even in World Cup competitions. After I had brought Kevin Keegan to Hamburg, it was Wurtz who refereed Hamburg's first game, a 6-0 victory over Barcelona.

Paul Kay was absolutely brilliant, and so was Ian

The crowd gave our team a standing ovation after the game and the Press wrote that we were the best team ever to have played in New Caledonia. It was a memorable day in our soccer history.

Let's not forget that the last time Australia visited this French province, in 1970, we managed only a 3-1 and a 1-0 victory.

The most pleasing aspect of the victory on Sunday was that the four players who are eligible to play in the world youth finals next year — Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay, Ian Hunter and Steve Blair — all played well and contributed four goals — two by Kay and two by Hunter.

George Christopoulos was an outstanding success as libero, as I had predicted all along. I stick to my belief that in the long run, he will be the Franz Beckenbauer of the Socceroos.

Paul Kay was absolutely brilliant, and so was Ian

Hunter when he replaced Raskopoulos.

Unfortunately Raskopoulos suffered a back injury.

I had to send Joe Sankalski home when his old injury played up again. It's the same injury that caused him to leave early from the Socceroos' tour of China.

The 40 degree heat made it extremely difficult to play well, yet we overcame this handicap and also brushed off some crude tackles by the New Caledonians.

The result left no doubt that we will be in the Cup finals — probably against New Zealand which should win Group B. The final is on March 2. Top scorer in our victory was Eddie Krnecic with three. He now has scored a total of 22 goals for Australia in senior and youth games.

In the early game, Papua New Guinea beat New Hebrides 4-3.

AC Milan tour in May?

A tour by AC Milan in May should be confirmed this week, says Australian Soccer Federation vice president Michael Weinstein.

Milan is expected to play against Azzuri of Adelaide, and in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Mr Weinstein said he hopes one of the games will be against the Socceroos.

Meanwhile, he remains confident that either Real Madrid or Bayern Munich will tour in late June.

GM may be sponsor

General Motors is rumored to be one of the companies involved in a million-dollar sponsorship of Australian soccer.

The names of the companies — about eight of them — will be released next month.

Meanwhile, the chances of seeing local soccer on television this year are fading by the hour.

The ASF was going to present to each network a package deal including rights to the World Cup.

But now that the ABC has clinched rights to the World Cup, the package looks less attractive.

The ASF suggested to the ABC that some local soccer be included in its English soccer programme but chances of the ABC agreeing appear slight.

Preston Makedonia held Footscray J.U.S.T. to a 2-2 draw at Reservoir last Sunday despite having George McMillan sent off after 15 minutes and losing Gary Ward through injury in the first half.

Claude Lucchesi put Makedonia ahead 1-0, but goals by Dragon Vasic and Peter Ollerton gave J.U.S.T. a 2-1 lead at half time.

Eric Leshire equalised for Makedonia in the second half.

In the earlier games, Makedonia under 16s beat J.U.S.T. 9-1, and the reserves lost 1-2.

Makedonia meets Northcote City (Collingwood) at Reservoir on Saturday. Reserves start at 2.30 pm and firsts at 4 pm.

Preston, JUST draw

Best players were Slobodan Jovanovic, Zdravko Lujic, Jim Kondaros and Dennis Boland for J.U.S.T. and Lucchesi, Rob Cullen, Jeff Faulkner and Lou Kastner for Makedonia.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB

Victories by Victoria or NSW are so memorable simply because there have been so few of them.

That's why results like NSW's 4-1 against Norwich City in 1979, 2-1 against Chelsea in 1974 and 2-1 against Moscow Dynamo in 1971, live on in the memory.

Similarly, we will talk for a long time about Victoria's wins of 2-1 against the Welsh FA in 1975, 2-1 against Bristol Rovers in 1974, 4-0 against AEK Athens in 1979 and, most recently, 2-1 against Red Star Belgrade early this year.

NSW had only half as many games as Victoria in the seventies because most of the matches against overseas teams in Sydney were allocated to the national team.

There are players who have appeared for NSW, as well as Victoria. They include goalkeeper Jack Reilly, defenders George Keith, Rob McGinn, Stan Ackroyd and Doug Utiesenovic, midfielders Jimmy Rooney and Tommy Randell and forwards Attila Abonyi, Billy Rogers, Peter Ollerton, Ray Pockoc and Wim Spiekermann.

Of these, only Rooney will appear on Sunday as captain and mid-field general of Victoria. He played for NSW in its victory over Moscow Dynamo nine years ago and has figured in Victoria's successes over the past 12 months.

Ray Baartz with 11 appearances, and Attila Abonyi with 10, were the NSW stalwarts of the seventies, while Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly, Billy Vojtek and Jimmy Mackay were the longest serving Victorian State players over the same period.

But the man who represented Victoria most often was Frank Micic, who notched up more than 50 appearances after he first wore the State colors in the early sixties.

Among the longest-serving NSW

State players was Joe Marston, who also captained Australia and who played for Preston North End in England.

Although Victoria holds a one-match advantage over NSW in matches played between the States, it is NSW that enjoyed the greater reputation in the sixties and most of the seventies.

Results like NSW's 1-0, 2-0 and 4-3 victories over Victoria in 1962 and its 4-1 triumph in 1969, achieved through a hat-trick by Adrian Alston contributed towards this reputation.

But Victoria, through solid preparation and sound planning, has established itself possibly as the strongest State team in Australia with victories over Partizan Belgrade, AEK Athens and Red Star since Len McKendry became coach just over a year ago.

These results have been regarded cynically by the other States, which argue that the visiting teams were at a disadvantage against Victoria, as they were playing their first games after stepping off the plane.

Yet if the overseas teams were as far ahead in all-round ability as everyone claims, they should win whatever the handicaps.

McKendry argues however that the class difference is not great providing we play the right way.

In his belief, the right way is denying the opponents possession of the ball by holding possession ourselves and by using permanent strikers and supporting those strikers rather than playing a completely negative, close-marking game.

McKendry has had the advantage of drilling his players in his style of play at weekly training sessions over more than a year.

NSW still trains only for a few weeks before each match.

VICS MORE ACTIVE

The records of NSW and Victoria in matches during the seventies:

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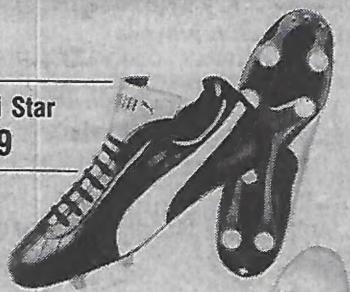
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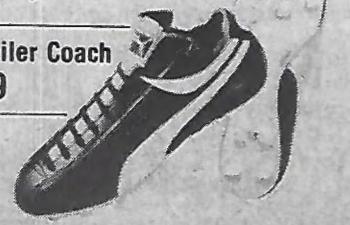
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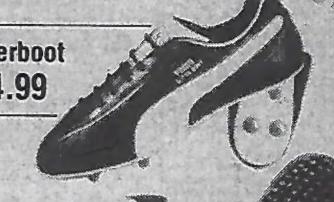
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REVIVE NATIONAL SERIES



RALE BASIC

It was back in 1976, in one of the first editions of "Soccer Action," that I called for a return of the long-dormant competition between States.

Let's hope that this week's Victoria v. NSW game rekindles interest in such a competition.

I congratulate these two States on staging the game. Victoria will play two other States this year - South Australia on April 7 and Queensland on June 16.

Interstate matches present a unique opportunity to foster goodwill, understanding and good sportsmanship between players, officials and fans of the various cities.

So it was during the first interstate series, won by NSW in 1962. I have always believed that it was a great shame to discontinue this series.

We have the Philips Cup as a nation-wide competition for clubs - and I believe this Cup should be extended to cater for many more competitors.

Now we should look

closely at reintroducing a similar competition for State teams.

Not only would it provide players with incentive to improve themselves, but it also would be of great help to the national coach in assessing the best players in the country.

Good young players could be blooded in State teams, whereas it may be too risky to use them in the national side.

And in the final analysis the one idiom that applies most strongly is: more competition, better players.

Of course, an interstate series would be effective only if the best possible players were used.

It is regrettable, for example, that NSW State coach Leo Baumgartner has been unable to secure the release of PSL players for the game against Victoria on Sunday.

And I am still of the opinion that Victoria would do even better were it to use the best available players.

On the other hand, Victoria's great results

so far under coach Len McKendry have served to show just how much understanding, discipline, determination and spirit can be created among players who work together regularly over a long period of time.

It can be exactly the opposite if you chop and change too often.

Top results come only through long and patient planning and by keeping a squad of players together.

Even back in 1970, when I had the pleasure of coaching the Victorian

under 18 team to victory in the national championships in Adelaide, we had the advantage of full co-operation from the VSF, excellent facilities and equipment and the assistance of five top-class coaches, including Bill Curran, Ken Kontra and Mike de Bruyckere.

Bill Curran has looked after successive squads of youth players since then and he has done an excellent job.

At national championships, Victoria always has been among the most presentable sides, well dressed and displaying impeccable sportsmanship.

This has been the same with the senior State team over the past two years in particular.

And so Victoria has achieved a natural flow of attitudes and organisation from juniors to seniors at representative level.

Victoria's success shows the tremendous value that can be derived from representative soccer. The other States could do likewise in a competition between States.

I urge the Australian and the State Federations to examine the possibility carefully.

Powerful NSW held by Vics in last battle

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Victoria held NSW to an unexpected 2-2 draw the last time the States met at Middle Park, Melbourne, on April 5, 1970.

The States had drawn 1-1 in Sydney a few weeks earlier but in that game, NSW played without Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston and Dennis Yaager.

This time, NSW was at full strength, and coach Frank Arok was confident of victory.

But Victoria's key players - George Kin-

nell, Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly, Billy Vojtek and Sandy Irvine - were in top form whereas NSW's John Watkiss and Ray Baartz were well below their best.

Kinnell (Juventus) marshalled the Victorian defence superbly and split the NSW ranks with his wittling runs down the centre.

Goalkeeper Reilly, also of Juventus, stopped Attila Abonyi from five metres in the 22nd minute, Mike Denton in the

31st minute and Baartz late in the game. If there was any one man who had a direct bearing on the result, it was Reilly.

Buljevic, well fed by Frank Micic, Jock Goodwin and Jimmy Mackay in midfield, beat his full back, Don Sandell, consistently and was unlucky not to score.

Vojtek had a great first half, scoring Victoria's first goal in the 15th minute, but Denton equalised in the 37th minute and Alston put NSW ahead 2-1 in the 61st minute before Doug Utjesenovic equalised two minutes later.

Grim faces on the Victorian bench during a match against South Australia in 1970, from left: Doug Utjesenovic, Lou Kastner, Dave Gorrie, Billy Rogers, Billy Rice, Lou Lazzari (masseur), Rale Basic (coach). The game was drawn 2-2.

Triumphant start to new decade for Victoria

Matches played this year by Victoria and NSW.

VICTORIA 2 (Paton, Christopoulos) RED STAR BELGRADE 1 (Filipovic) at Olympic Park.

Teams, with ratings:

VICTORIA: Banovic 8 - Yzendoorn 8.5, Kokoska 8.5, Gardiner 9, Davidson 8 - Christopoulos 8, J. Campbell 8 (Picciano 80th), Rooney 8.5 - Cumming 8.5 (injured, sub Trout 89th), Cole 8, Paton 8 (Mitten 67th).

RED STAR: Stojanovic 6 - Miletovic 7 - Krmpotic 8, Juristic 7, Nikolic 7.5 (Stevanovic 70th), Jovin 6 (Jurovski 6, 55th) - Blagojevic 6, Milosavljevic 8 - Petrovic 6, Savic 6 (Filipovic 7, 55th), Repic 6.5.

NSW 0 RED STAR BELGRADE 5: (Filipovic 2, Repic, Petrovic, Mullen o.g.) at Sydney Sports Ground.

Teams, with ratings:

NSW: Woodhouse 6 (M. Fraser 7, half time) - Mullen 4 (Beggs 6, 55th), Brogan 5, Henderson 8, Degney 7 - Jankovic 6, Raskopoulos 5, Davies 4 (Stevenson 5, half time) - Sharne 5 (Hunter 5, half time), Krncevic 6, P. O'Connor 8.

RED STAR: Lukic 8 - Miletovic 7 - Krmpotic 7, Nikolic 9, (Borovica 74th), Juristic 7, Jovin 8 - Blagojevic 8 (Savic 7 half time) (Milovanovic 6, half time), Milosavljevic 7, Petrovic 9, Filipovic 8, Repic 8.



Doug Utjesenovic is sandwiched between two Soviet opponents in a game for Australia. Utjesenovic represented both Victoria and NSW.



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Buljevic is No. 1

All Victorian appearances in the seventies:

- 24 Buljevic
- 21 Reilly
- 20 Mackay
- 19 Vojtek
- 15 Scott, Micic, Pye
- 14 Tansey
- 13 Gardiner, Irvine
- 12 Kondaros
- 11 Wallace, Bourne, Juhesz
- 10 Zoraja

9 Utjesenovic, Kinell, Goodwin, Lopatic, Cole, Cummings, 8 Ollerton, Kokosa, 7 Marshall, Walker, Cummings, Ristovski, Yendoorn, Kriaris, Tront

6 Rogers, Gorrie, McColl, Armstrong, Kazi, Rooney, Xanthopoulos, Gibson, Gilder, 5 Dobbing, Paton, Short, Blaskany, Kastner, Micevski, Vaughan, Banovic

4 Rice, Smart, Kokkinos, van Egmond, Cockburn, Szabo, Rujevic, Baker, Gillan, French, Picioane

3 Rutherford, Salisbury, Kuzilek, Palinkas, Tarquinio, Milisavjevic, P. Bannon, Garthwaite, Kafatidis, Laumets, Rigby, Roberts

2 Roseweir, Olinowski, Williams, Pocock, Kovacek, Lukic, Maitland, Batticciotto, Gladys, V. Bannon, Lerch, Daperis, Adams, Bernhard, Wilkinson

1 Frost, Della Rocca, Pygall, Pyrgolios, Clarey, Auger, McIntyre, Hansen, Baxter, Provan, Taylor, Kerr, McClymont, Reed, C. Campbell, Davidson, McGowan, Rosca, McGinn, Fisker, Waaldyk, Cunningham, McArdele, Howie, McRobert, O'Hara, Cain, Petrov, B. Sabidussi, Harby, O'Reilly, Clarke, Wagstaff, Barron, Beech, Milne



Bearded Murray Barnes (NSW) clashes with Jim Kriaris (Vic) in a PSL match between Sydney City and Footscray.



Tony Boggi —
coached Victoria



Alan Marnoch
(NSW)



Ken Kontra —
coached Victoria



Victoria's John Wallace wins a header against Werder Bremen in 1970.

They got the goals

Goalscorers for Victoria in the seventies:

- 7. Buljevic
- 4. Vojtek, Cole
- 3. French
- 2. Mackay, Kokkinos, Tront, Cummings
- 1. Ollerton, Ristovski, Bernard, Howie, Gibson, Armstrong, Micevski, Cunningham, Micic, Gillan, Rujevic, Irvine, Marshall, Smart, Picioane, Utjesenovic, Zoraja, Wallace, Lopatic, McColl, Rogers, Clarey, Gorrie, Roberts, Baker, McClymont, Short, Gilde, Rooney

1. English FA 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: Vojtek, Wallace

Victoria: van Egmond (Kovacek) — Irvine, Juhesz, Szabo, Dobbing — Mackay (Lukic), Lopatic, Wallace — Pocock, Vojtek, Blaskany

v. Welsh FA 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: Vojtek, Blaskany

Victoria: Kovacek — Irvine, Juhesz, Szabo, McGowan — Lopatic, Wallace, Scott (Kuzilek) — Zoraja, Vojtek, Blaskany



Victoria with the visiting English FA team in 1971. The Victorians, at left are, back row: Klimecki (official), Kontra (coach), Memur, Dobbing, Irvine, Lopatic, Kovacek, Juhesz, English player, Szabo. Front: Lezzari (masseur), van Egmond, Lukic, Cockburn, Mackay, Vojtek, Pocock, Blaskany, Wallace.

Top juniors in curtain-raiser

Green Gully Ajax and Nunawading City under 16s will meet at 1.45 pm in the curtain-raiser to the Victoria v. NSW game at Olympic Park on Sunday.



Gary Manuel
(NSW)

Victoria in the seventies

Details of all of Victoria's games in the seventies:

1970

- v. Hertha 03 (W. Germany) 1-1 at Olympic Park, scorer Mackay. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Rice, Kinnell, Scott — Micic, Goodwin (Buljevic), Mackay — Zoraja, Rogers (Gorrie), Vojtek.
- v. Romania B 0-1 at Olympic Park. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Rice, Kinnell, Scott — Micic, Goodwin (Roseweir, 83rd), Mackay (Gorrie 65th) — Smart (Rogers half time), Zoraja, Vojtek.
- v. Moscow Dynamo 1-7 at Olympic Park, scorer: Smart. Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinnell, Rice, Scott — Micic, Goodwin, Mackay — Smart, Zoraja, McColl.
- v. NSW 1-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorer: McColl.

Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinnell, Rice, Scott — Micic, Goodwin, Mackay — Smart, Zoraja, McColl.

v. South Australia 2-2 at Olympic Park, scorer: Vojtek 2.

Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic (Roseweir), Kinnell, Goodwin, Scott — Micic, McColl, Smart — Zoraja, Kokkinos (Rogers), Vojtek.

v. NSW 2-2 at Middle Park, scorers: Vojtek, Utjesenovic.

Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinnell, Irvine, Scott — Micic, Mackay, Goodwin — Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Blaskany.

v. Manchester City 0-3 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinnell, Irvine, Scott — Micic, Mackay, Goodwin — Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Blaskany.

v. Werder Bremen (W. Germany) 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorer: Micic.

Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinnell, Irvine, Scott (Goodwin half time) — Micic, Wallace, Mackay — McColl (Armstrong half time), Blaskany, Vojtek.

v. South Australia 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, scorer Gorrie.

Victoria: Reilly — Utjesenovic, Kinnell, Goodwin, Irvine — Wallace, Mackay, Scott — McColl, Gorrie, Vojtek (Micic 72nd).

v. Kosice (Czech.) 1-5, at Olympic Park, scorer: Clarey.

Victoria: Reilly (van Egmond) — Della Rocca, Juhesz, Olinowski, Williams — Pygall, Mackay, Pyrgolios (Wallace) — Vojtek, Rogers, Buljevic (Clarey).

v. Toyo Kogyo (Japan) 3-5 at Olympic Park, scorers: Kokkinos 2, Rogers.

Victoria: Reilly — Olinowski (Rutherford), Juhesz, Irvine, Dobbing — Marshall, Vojtek, Salisbury — Kokkinos, Buljevic (Pocock).

v. Moscow Dynamo 0-0 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Reilly — Rutherford (Irvine), Juhesz, Lopatic, Dobbing — Scott, Salisbury (Marshall), Mackay — Vojtek, Kokkinos, Buljevic.

v. South Australia 0-3 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Auger — Rutherford, Irvine, Juhesz, Scott — Dobbing, Selby (Marshall), Mackay — Vojtek, Kokkinos, Buljevic.

v. South Australia 1-1, Hindmarsh, Adelaide. Scorer: Lopatic.

Victoria: van Egmond — Dobbing, Lopatic, Juhesz, Williams — Scott, Mackay, Kuzilek — McIntyre, Wallace, Cockburn.

v. English FA 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorer: Wallace.

Victoria: van Egmond (Kovacek) — Irvine, Juhesz, Szabo, Dobbing — Mackay (Lukic), Lopatic, Wallace — Pocock, Vojtek, Blaskany.

v. Welsh FA 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: Vojtek, Blaskany.

Victoria: Kovacek — Irvine, Juhesz, Szabo, McGowan — Lopatic, Wallace, Scott (Kuzilek) — Zoraja, Vojtek, Blaskany.

v. Australia B 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorer: French.

Victoria: Laumets — Pye, Vaughan, Kondaros, Garthwaite — Micic (Lerch), Daperis, P. Bannon — Cummings, Gillan (Cole), Buljevic (Kafatidis).

v. New Caledonian XI 3-0 in Noumea, scorers: Gibson, Gillan, Cummings.

Victoria: Kastner — Kriaris, Kondaros, Vaughan, Garthwaite — Micic, Gibson, Wallace (Daperis) — Cummings, Gillan (Cole), Buljevic.

v. Australia B 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorer: French.

Victoria: Laumets — Pye, Vaughan, Kondaros, Batticciotto (Adams 81st) — Rujevic, Rigby (Roberts 61st), Kriaris — Ristovski (Cole half time), French, Cain.

v. Partizan Belgrade 1-0 at Olympic Park, scorer: Picioane.

Victoria: Banovic — Short, Yendoorn, Kokosa, Tansey — Gardner, Picioane, Rooney — Cummings, Paton, Cole.

v. AEK Athens (Greece) 4-0, at Olympic Park, scorers: Cole 3, Gilder.

Victoria: Banovic — Short, Yendoorn, Kokosa, Tansey — Gardner, Picioane, Rooney — Cummings, Gilder (Paton), Cole.

v. New York Cosmos (U.S.) 2-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: Cummings, Rooney.

Victoria: Banovic — Short, Yendoorn, Kokosa, Tansey — Gardner, Picioane (Tront 60th), Rooney — Cummings, Gilder (Paton), Cole.

1972

- v. Cruzeiro (Brazil) 1-4 at Olympic Park, scorer: Marshall.
- Victoria: van Egmond — Irvine, Juhesz, Szabo, Lopatic, Pye — Vojtek, Mackay, Marshall (Cockburn 75th) — Rujevic (Kuzilek 60th), Blaskany, v. South Australia 2-0 at Olympic Park, scorers: Mackay, Irvine.
- Victoria: Kastner — Irvine, Juhesz, Szabo, Lopatic, Pye — Mackay, Bourne (Gardiner 65th) — Zoraja, Buljevic, Cockburn.

v. South Australia 0-4 in Adelaide.

Victoria: Kastner — Irvine, Walker (Palinkas), Juhesz, Pye — Lopatic, Marshall, Bourne — Zoraja, Buljevic, Cockburn (Batticciotto).

v. Dundee (Scotland) 2-4 at Olympic Park, scorer: Rujevic, Buljevic.

Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Rosca, Juhesz, Lopatic, Scott (Bourne 60th), Marshall, Mackay — Rujevic (Zoraja 75th), Vojtek, Buljevic.

1973

- v. Santos (Brazil) 0-2 at Olympic Park.
- Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Kriaris, Scott, Baker — McGinn, Bourne, Marshall — Armstrong (Tarquinio), Ollerton (Wallace), Buljevic.
- v. Cruzeiro (Brazil) 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorer: Buljevic.
- Victoria: Milisavjevic — Pye, Irvine, Walker, Lopatic (Maitland 72nd) — Micic, Gardner (Wallace 59th), Bourne — Zoraja (Micevski 64th), Armstrong, Buljevic.

v. Santos (Brazil) 0-2 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Kriaris, Scott, Baker — McGinn, Bourne, Marshall — Armstrong (Tarquinio), Ollerton (Wallace), Buljevic.

v. Dundee (Scotland) 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: Roberts, Baker (Penalty).

Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondaros, Tansey — Gardner, Gibson (Cumming 80th), Mackay, Bernhard — Ollerton, Buljevic.

v. Tottenham Hotspur 1-3 at Olympic Park, scorer: Bernhard.

Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondaros, Tansey — Mackay (Rigby), Bourne (Vaughan), Kriaris — Ristovski, French, Buljevic.

v. Bologna (Italy) 0-4 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondaros, Tansey — Gardner, Gibson — Subidusa (80th), Mackay, Bernhard — Cumming (French half time), Ollerton, Buljevic.

v. Italian Army 1-2 at Olympic Park, scorer: Buljevic.

Victoria: Reilly — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondaros, Tansey — Gardner, Gibson — Subidusa (80th), Mackay, Bernhard — Cumming (French half time), Ollerton, Buljevic.

v. Aetromitos (Greece) 1-1 at Olympic Park, scorer: French penalty.

Victoria: Clarke — Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondaros, Tansey — Bourne, Mackay, Wegateff (Gibson half time) — Ristovski (Cumming half time), Ollerton, French.

1974

- v. South Australia 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: Roberts, Baker (Penalty).
- Victoria: Laumets — Adamo, Baker, Kokosa, Barron — Wilkinson, Tront, Gardner — Golder, Roberts, Beach (Cumming).
- v. Middlesbrough (England) 0-4 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Laumets (O'Hara 80th) — Tarquinio, Baker, Kokosa, Barron — Wilkinson (Roberts 54th), Gardner — Ollerton, Gilder, Ristovski (Cumming 54th).

v. Dundee (Scotland) 2-1 at Olympic Park, scorers: McClymont, Ford o.g.

Victoria: Hansen — V. Bannon, Kondaros, Baker, Provan — Kerr, Taylor, McClymont — Cummings, Red (in), McMillan 72nd, G. Campbell (Watkins 53rd).

v. Wisla Krakow (Poland) 0-1 at Olympic Park.

Victoria: Banovic — Kalafatidis, Kokosa, Yendoorn, Tansey — Gardner (Tront 76th), Rooney, Picioane — Cummings, Gilder (Paton in, sub Cole 65th).

v. South Australia 2-0 in Adelaide, scorers: Cummings, Tront.

Victoria: Banovic — Short, Yendoorn, Kokosa, Tansey — Gardner, Tront, Rooney — Cummings, Cole, Paton.

v. Norwich City (England) 2-4 at Olympic Park, scorers: Tront, Short.

Victoria: Banovic — Short (in), Kalafatidis 70th, Yendoorn, Kokosa, Tansey — Gardner, Tront, Rooney, Picioane — Cummings, Gilder (Paton in, sub Cole 65th).

v. Partizan Belgrade 1-0 at Olympic Park, scorer: Picioane.

Victoria: Banovic — Short, Kokosa, Yendoorn, Tansey — Gardner, Picioane, Rooney — Cummings, Paton, Cole.

v. AEK Athens (Greece) 4-0, at Olympic Park, scorers: Cole 3, Gilder.

Victoria: Banovic — Short, Yendoorn, Kokosa, Tansey — Gardner, Picioane, Rooney — Cummings, Gilder (Paton), Cole.

v. New York Cosmos (U.S.) 2-3 at Olympic Park, scorers: Cummings, Rooney.

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National champs in '62

NSW won the interstate championship of 1962, beating Victoria 2-0 in Melbourne on the way.

It was the first interstate championship conducted by the Australian Federation.

Details:
Preliminary rounds: VICTORIA 0 NSW 2 (Jeros, Baumgartner) at Olympic Park, crowd 15,000.

VICTORIA: Gronowski - Falzon, Mattheyson - Micic, von Alphen, Hartley - Marinovic, Margaritis, Jurecki (Bedford), Kenny, Sygalaki.

NSW: Lord - Mach, Nuttall - Kelly, E. Ninea, Marvo - Wenzel, Tamandl, H. Ninea, Baumgartner, Jeros (Levi).

QUEENSLAND 5 (Wild 2, Kitching 2, Tran) SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1 (Moriarty) at Brisbane Exhibition Oval, crowd 4,500.

QUEENSLAND: Topfer - Kathage, Warren - Petersen, McCrae, Sander - Vogler, Tran, S. Kitching, Wild, McMillan.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Horvath - DiBartolo, Harlow

NSW since '70

Details of all of NSW's matches in the seventies.

1970

v Inter Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) 3-0 Wentworth Park.

NSW: Corry, Keith, Zeman, Wilson, Ackery, Abonyi, McCulloch (Edwards), Rendles, Manuel, Baartz, Denton.

v Moscow Dynamos (USSR) 1-2 Sydney Sports Ground, scorer: Warren.

NSW: J. Fraser, Marnoch, Sandell, Schaefer, Watkins, Ackery, Warren, Baartz, McKinnon (Fekete), Abonyi (Blues), Alston (Denton).

v Moscow Dynamos (USSR) 3-3 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Abonyi, Denton, Baart.

NSW: J. Fraser, Marnoch, Sandell, Watkins, Ackery, Schaefer, Warren, Baartz, Abonyi, Tolson (Denton), Alston.

v Victoria 1-1 at Sydney Sports ground, scorer: Keddie.

NSW: J. Fraser (Rorke), Devoy, Zeman, Watkins, Marnoch, Abonyi, Campbell, Baartz, Rutherford (Ainalie), Keddie, Blitz (Denton).

v Victoria 2-2 at Middle Park, scorers: Denton, Alston.

NSW: Fraser - Yaeger, Marnoch, Schaefer, Sandell (Wilson) - Warren, Baartz, Watkins - Abonyi, Alston, Denton.

v Manchester City 1-2 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorer: Denton.

NSW: Rorke, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackery, Warren, Yaeger, Abonyi, (Denton), Keddie (Campbell), Baartz, Blitz (Alston).

v Manchester City 0-4 at Sydney Sports Ground.

NSW: Corry, Keith, Yaeger, Schaefer, Marnoch, Watkins (Alston), Warren, Campbell (Blitz), Baartz, Denton (Alagich).

v English FA 0-1 at Sydney sports Ground.

NSW: Reilly, Keith, Curran, Richards, Wilson, Schaefer, Blues (Denton), Rooney, Alston, Baartz (Alagich), Ainslie.

v Moscow Dynamos (USSR) 2-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Richards, Keith.

NSW: Reilly, Keith, Curran, Watkins, Wilson, Rooney (Rudic), Alagich (Blues), Richards, Griffiths (Spierman), Baartz, Armytage.

v Moscow Dynamos (USSR) 3-5 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Armytage 2, Alagich.

NSW: Kelly, Marnoch, Rudic, Wilson, Watkins, Blues, Richards (McKinnon), Tolson, Baartz, (Alagich), Armytage.

1972

v Dundee (Scotland) 1-6 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Campbell.

NSW: McCrae, Harris, Hogg, Watkins, Wilson, Dunlop, Abonyi (Butler), Rooney, Baartz, Alston (Rogers), Campbell.

1973

v Birmingham City (England) 1-2 at Wentworth Park, scorer: Ollerton.

NSW: J. Fraser, Utješenovic, Wilson, Schaefer (Bennett), Perry (Harris), Richards, Rooney, McDonald, Abonyi, Alston, Ollerton (Tolson).

v Stoke City (England) 1-3 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorer: Richards.

NSW: J. Fraser, Utješenovic, Perry, Bennett, Wilson, Richards, Abonyi, McDonald, Ollerton (Rogers), Rooney, Alston.

1974

v Chelsea (England) 2-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorer: Butler 2.

NSW: J. Fraser, Robertson (Perry), Harris, Bennett, Moschen, Takac, Butler (Rogers), Muniz, Pocock (B. Jones), Ainslie, Rutherford (Carizzo).

v Aberdeen (Scotland) 1-2 at Sydney Sports Ground, Scorer: Pocock.

NSW: J. Fraser, McGinn (Perry), Bennett, B. Jones, Harris, Ainslie, Takac, Muniz, Rutherford, Pocock, Carizzo (Butler).

1975

v Atromitos (Greece) 2-2 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Barnes 2.

NSW: Hoszowski (Co), Mullen, Wilson, Bell, Degney, Byrne, Stone, Gnevi, Abonyi (Sharne), Barnes, P. O'Connor.

1976

v Queensland 2-2 at Perry Park, Brisbane, scorers: Barnes, Sharne.

NSW: Clarke (Hoare half time) - Mullen (R. Russell half time), S. O'Connor, J. O'Shea, Degney - Stone, Barnes - Sharne, Hall (Giampaolo half time), C. Eaton, P. O'Connor (Butler half time).

1977

v Norwich City 4-1 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Byrne, Stevenson, Sharne, Jankovics.

NSW: Woodhouse (Clarke), P. O'Connor, Prakao, Henderson, Degney, Stevenson, Watson (Hall), Byrne, Jankovics, Krncavac, Sharne.

v AEK Athens 5-5 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorers: Krncavac 2, Beggs 2, Raskopoulos.

NSW: Woodhouse, Souness, Degney, Henderson, Prakao, Raskopoulos, Hall (Beggs), Butler, Krncavac, Stone (Cagalij), Jennings.

v Vardar Skopje 1-6 at Sydney Sports Ground, scorer: Davies.

NSW: M. Fraser, Brogan, Selvage, Thomson, Bell, Stevenson, Barnes, Giampaolo, Valeri, Davies, Beggs, (Cotten).

Victory to mark comeback

FC Basel of Switzerland was the first overseas team to tour after FIFA had lifted its suspension of Australia.

The suspension had

been imposed because Australian clubs signed overseas players without getting proper clearances for them and without paying transfer fees.

Baartz, Abonyi

Appearances for NSW in the seventies.

11. Baartz.

10. Abonyi.

9. Alston, Wilson.

8. Denton, Watkiss.

7. J. Fraser, Marnoch, Schaefer.

5. Keith, Warren, Richards, Rooney, Butler.

4. Ackery, E. Campbell, Ainslie, Alagich, Harris, Bennett, Perry, Degney.

3. Sandell, Tolson, Rutherford, Blitz, Yaeger, Blues, Rogers, Stone, Barnes, Hall, Sharne, P. O'Connor.

2. Corry, Zeman, McKinnon, Rorke, Keddie, Reilly, Curran, Rudic, Armytage, Utje-

sonovic, McDonald, Olerton, Krncavac, Takac, Muniz, Pocock, B. Jones, Carizzo, Bell, Byrne, Clarke, Prakao, Giampaolo, Woodhouse, Mullen, Beggs, Henderson, Stevenson.

1. McCullough, Edwards, Randles, Manuel, Fekete, Blues, Davey, Griffiths, Spierman, Kelly, McQuire, Hogg, Dunlop, Robertson, Maclean, McGinn, Hoszowski, Coe, Gnani, Hoare, R. Russell, S. O'Connor, J. O'Shea, Cotton, Valeri, Thomson, Jennings, Cagelli, Sonnes, Watson, C. Eaton, Selvage, M. Fraser, Brogan, Raskopoulos, Davies, Jankovics.

VICTORIA 3 (Jurecki, Stankovic 2) FC BASEL 2 (Blumer, Frigerio).

VICTORIA: Putkowksi - Basic, Ackery - Janczyk, van Alphen, Micic - Campbell, Margaritis, Jurecki, Zientara, Stankovic.

FC BASEL: Stettler - Porleza, Burri - Stocker, Kiefer, Lorini - Pfister Odernert, Frigerio, Blumer, Getti.

Victoria had another good victory in 1964 when it beat Prausen Muenster of West Germany 2-1 in front of 17,000 people.

TOP SCORERS

Goalscorers for NSW in the seventies:

3. Barnes, Denton.

2. Richards, Armytage, Butler, Sharne, Krncavac, Beggs.

1. Pocock, Warren, Abonyi, Baartz, Keddie, Alston, Keith, Alagich, E. Campbell, Ollerton, Byrne, Stevenson, Jankovics, Raskopoulos, Davies.

Victoria's team: Hobson - Shepherd, Cook - Junczyk, Rice, Micic - Campbell, McIvor, Malloy, Mladenovic, Kowalec.

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Goalkeeper Yakka Benovic of Heidelberg United.



Leichhardt captain Wilson.

1980 PHILIPS

ROUND 1 8/9 MARCH

South Melbourne v Heidelberg Utd.

West Adelaide v Newcastle KB United

Sydney City v Marconi

Blacktown City v St. George

Leichhardt v Adelaide City

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 2 15/16 MARCH

Heidelberg United v West Adelaide

Brisbane Lions v South Melbourne

Newcastle KB United v Sydney City

Marconi v Blacktown City

St. George v Leichhardt

Adelaide City v Brisbane City

Footscray v Canberra City

ROUND 3 22/23 MARCH

Sydney City v Heidelberg United

West Adelaide v South Melbourne

Blacktown City v Newcastle KB United

Leichhardt v Marconi

Brisbane City v St. George

Canberra City v Adelaide City

Footscray v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 4 29/30 MARCH

Heidelberg United v Blacktown City

South Melbourne v Sydney City

Brisbane Lions v West Adelaide

Newcastle KB United v Leichhardt

Marconi v Brisbane City

St. George v Canberra City

Adelaide City v Footscray

ROUND 5 5/6 APRIL

Leichhardt v Heidelberg Utd.

Blacktown City v South Melbourne

Sydney City v West Adelaide

Brisbane City v Newcastle KB United

Canberra City v Marconi

Footscray v St. George

Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 6 12/13 APRIL

Heidelberg United v Brisbane City

South Melbourne v Leichhardt

West Adelaide v Blacktown City

Brisbane Lions v Sydney City

Newcastle KB United v Canberra City

Marconi v Footscray

St. George v Adelaide City

ROUND 7 19/20 APRIL

Canberra City v Heidelberg United

Brisbane City v South Melbourne

Leichhardt v West Adelaide

Blacktown City v Sydney City

Footscray v Newcastle KB United

Adelaide City v Marconi

St. George v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 8 26/27 APRIL

Heidelberg United v Footscray

South Melbourne v Canberra City

West Adelaide v Brisbane City

Sydney City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Blacktown City

Newcastle KB United v Adelaide City

Marconi v St. George

ROUND 9 3/4 MAY

Adelaide City v Heidelberg United

Footscray v South Melbourne

Canberra City v West Adelaide

Brisbane City v Sydney City

Leichhardt v Blacktown City

St. George v Newcastle KB United

Marconi v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 10 10/11 MAY

Heidelberg United v St. George

South Melbourne v Adelaide City

West Adelaide v Footscray

Sydney City v Canberra City

Blacktown City v Brisbane City

Brisbane Lions v Leichhardt

Newcastle KB United v Marconi

ROUND 11 17/18 MAY

Marconi v Heidelberg United

St. George v South Melbourne

Adelaide City v West Adelaide

Footscray v Sydney City

Canberra City v Blacktown City

Brisbane City v Leichhardt

Newcastle KB United v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 12 24/25 MAY

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v Marconi

West Adelaide v St. George

Sydney City v Adelaide City

Blacktown City v Footscray

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 13 31 MAY/1 JUNE

Brisbane Lions v Heidelberg United

Newcastle KB United v South Melbourne

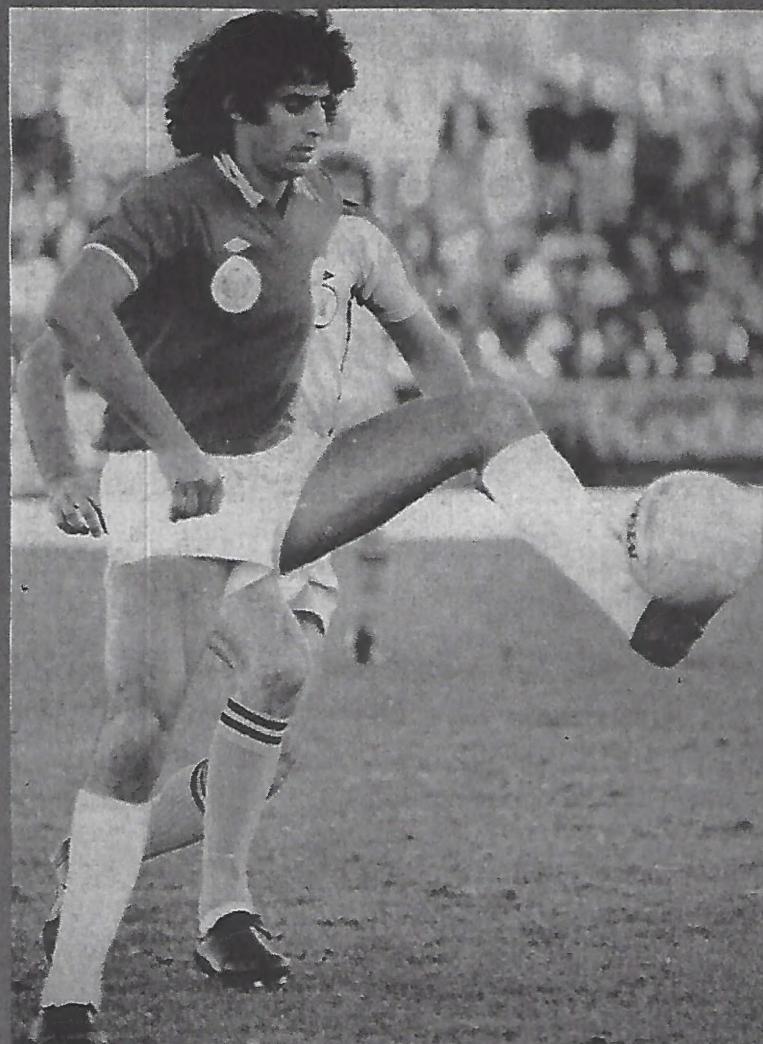
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St. George's experienced Argentinian midfielder Rudi Gnavi.



Gary Cole (Heidelberg) is foiled by Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland.



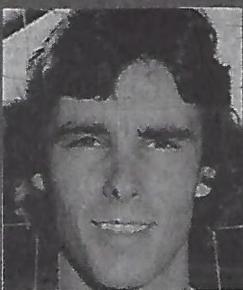
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LEAGUE DRAW

ROUND 14 7/8 JUNE

West Adelaide v Heidelberg United
South Melbourne v Brisbane Lions

Sydney City v Newcastle KB United
Blacktown City v Marconi

Leichhardt v St. George

Brisbane City v Adelaide City

Canberra City v Footscray

ROUND 15 14/15 JUNE

Heidelberg United v South Melbourne

Newcastle KB United v West Adelaide

Marconi v Sydney City

St. George v Blacktown City

Adelaide City v Leichhardt

Footscray v Brisbane City

Brisbane Lions v Canberra City

ROUND 16 21/22 JUNE

Blacktown City v Heidelberg United

Sydney City v South Melbourne

West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions

Leichhardt v Newcastle KB United

Brisbane City v Marconi

Canberra City v St. George

Footscray v Adelaide City

ROUND 17 12/13 JULY

Heidelberg United v Sydney City

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

Newcastle KB United v Blacktown City

Marconi v Leichhardt

St. George v Brisbane City

Adelaide City v Canberra City

Brisbane Lions v Footscray

ROUND 18 19/20 JULY

Heidelberg United v Leichhardt

South Melbourne v Blacktown City

W.E.R. Adelaide v Sydney City

Newcastle KB United v Brisbane City

Marconi v Canberra City

St. George v Footscray

Brisbane Lions v Adelaide City

ROUND 19 26/27 JULY

Brisbane City v Heidelberg United

Leichhardt v South Melbourne

Blacktown City v West Adelaide

Sydney City v Brisbane Lions

Canberra City v Newcastle KB United

Footscray v Marconi

Adelaide City v St. George

ROUND 20 9/10 AUGUST

Heidelberg United v Canberra City

South Melbourne v Brisbane City

West Adelaide v Leichhardt

Sydney City v Blacktown City

Marconi v Adelaide City

Brisbane Lions v St. George

ROUND 21 18/19 AUGUST

Footscray v Heidelberg United

Canberra City v South Melbourne

Brisbane City v West Adelaide

Leichhardt v Sydney City

Blacktown City v Brisbane Lions

Adelaide City v Newcastle KB United

St. George v Marconi

ROUND 22 23/24 AUGUST

Heidelberg United v Adelaide City

South Melbourne v Footscray

West Adelaide v Canberra City

Sydney City v Brisbane City

Blacktown City v Leichhardt

Newcastle KB United v St. George

Brisbane Lions v Marconi

ROUND 23 6/7 SEPTEMBER

St. George v Heidelberg United

Adelaide City v South Melbourne

Footscray v West Adelaide

Canberra City v Sydney City

Brisbane City v Blacktown City

Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions

Marconi v Newcastle KB United

ROUND 24 13/14 SEPTEMBER

Heidelberg United v Marconi

South Melbourne v St. George

West Adelaide v Adelaide City

Sydney City v Footscray

Blacktown City v Canberra City

Leichhardt v Brisbane City

Brisbane Lions v Newcastle KB United

ROUND 25 20/21 SEPTEMBER

Newcastle KB United v Heidelberg United

Marconi v South Melbourne

St. George v West Adelaide

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 26 4/5 OCTOBER

Heidelberg United v Brisbane Lions

South Melbourne v Newcastle KB United

West Adelaide v Marconi

Sydney City v St. George

Blacktown City v Adelaide City

Leichhardt v Footscray

Brisbane City v Canberra City

Marconi v Newcastle KB United

ROUND 27 11/12 OCTOBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 28 18/19 OCTOBER

Heidelberg United v Brisbane Lions

South Melbourne v Newcastle KB United

West Adelaide v Marconi

Sydney City v St. George

Blacktown City v Adelaide City

Leichhardt v Footscray

Brisbane City v Canberra City

Marconi v Newcastle KB United

ROUND 29 25/26 OCTOBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 30 1/2 NOVEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 31 8/9 NOVEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 32 15/16 NOVEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 33 22/23 NOVEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 34 29/30 NOVEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 35 6/7 DECEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 36 13/14 DECEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 37 20/21 DECEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 38 27/28 DECEMBER

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 39 3/4 JANUARY

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 40 10/11 JANUARY

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 41 17/18 JANUARY

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 42 24/25 JANUARY

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 43 31/1 FEBRUARY

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 44 7/8 MARCH

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 45 14/15 MARCH

Heidelberg United v Newcastle KB United

South Melbourne v West Adelaide

St. George v Adelaide City

Adelaide City v Sydney City

Footscray v Blacktown City

Canberra City v Leichhardt

Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City

ROUND 46 21/22 MARCH



Pat Bannon (top), with Gary Cole behind him, and Jimmy Rooney (above) collect their silver medals. Bannon and Rooney have been asked to coach Heidelberg until a replacement is found for Manny Poulikakis.

18th success for Burin

When Croatia won the Ampol Cup on Saturday night, it was the 18th major trophy team manager Frank Burin.

With Burin at the helm, Essendon Croatia and its predecessor, Croatia Melbourne, won six Ampol Cups, two Rockerty Cups, two First Division Championships, three State League Championships, three State League Cups, one Australian Ampol Cup and one Armstrong Cup.

Burin joined Croatia in 1967 and was president when the club was based in Geelong.

He is Croatia's VSF delegate, has been a VSF board member and is manager of the Victorian State squad.

Croatia called in the Croatia Cup in Footscray after the Cup final and then went on to the St Albans Hotel.

The hotel, booked especially for the occasion, was packed with fans who celebrated well into the morning.



JUVENTUS S.C.

NOTICE TO ALL YOUNG PLAYERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Juventus S.C. is setting up a completely new system for coaching of young soccer players. Under the overall responsibility and direction of top coach Manny Poulikakis and with former International Jimmy Armstrong as Director of Juniors' Coaching (up to U/16) a staff of qualified coaches will implement the most comprehensive program based on latest coaching principles and sports medicine. Apart from the skills of the game the young players will be instructed in Physical Education, rules of the game, sportsmanship, civic pride and responsibilities, comradeship etc.

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Young players already registered with the Club, as well as boys up to 19 years of age wanting to join, are advised to follow these procedures.

JUNIORS (U/10 to U/16)

Report to Sumner Park, Glenlyon Rd, Brunswick (the Northcote end, near the creek) at 5.30 pm on Thursday 28 or Friday 29 of February at 5.30 pm in full training gear. Parents are not required to become members of the Club, but are certainly welcome. Selected players will join the Club's Youth or Reserve teams.

YOUTH (U/19)

Report at Kingswood College, cnr Station and Piedmont Sts., Box Hill (enter in Piedmont Street) on Wednesday 27 or Friday 29 of February at 5.30 pm in full training gear. Parents are not required to become members of the Club, but are certainly welcome. Selected players will join the Club's Youth or Reserve teams.

For further details please ring Mr Mozzadra, 63 8513 (day), Mr Di Zio, 667 7739 (evening) or Mr Armstrong, 370 8157 (evening).

VIVA CROATIA! H'BERG BEATEN AT OWN GAME

By KYLE PATTERSON

Heidelberg United — a fine exponent of the counter-attack game in recent seasons — coped some of its own medicine from Essendon Croatia in the Ampol Cup final last Saturday night.

Croatia had little of the attacking play, and yet created the best scoring chances by way of incisive, direct counter-attacks.

Heidelberg was continually building up and getting players into attacking positions, but was thwarted by bad luck, bad finishing and an excellent Croatia defence.

During 1977 and '78 Heidelberg mastered the counter-attack style under coach John Margaritis, who utilised to the full extent the pace of striker Gary Cole.

Heidelberg's game has changed over the past four seasons, but they still had a reputation for being deadly on the break.

Croatia fought fire with fire, and won — another fine achievement for coach John Gardner.

The 2-1 result took the Ampol Cup to Essendon for the third time in the past four seasons. The other successes were against: George Cross (1977) and Preston Makedonia (1978).

Gardiner's pre-match planning was decisive. He decided it would be unwise to try and match Heidelberg with all-out attacking play.

Defence was the basis of his plan, as it had been the week before in the semi finals against South Melbourne.

Gardiner instructed his defenders to play deep. Only when the team was well into attack would the Croatia defence reach the halfway line.

This tactic was aimed at restricting the space in which Heidelberg could play through balls for Cole and his partner Jamie Paton.

With the Croatia defence playing deep, Heidelberg, in fact, couldn't attempt through balls. Often there was only 20 metres between the last defender and the penalty areas; not enough space for a striker to run onto a through ball.

Any through balls would have been either collected by Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby, or run down by retreating defenders.

Gardiner gave each defender a striker to mark. Steve Kokoska marked Paton right out of the game, and Mick Klarin followed Cole. Steve Short was never far away from Andy Bozikas.

Paton tried to throw a partner into the works by sometimes standing beside Gardiner, who wanted to be the free man to sweep up behind the other defenders.

Gardiner also had midfielders Ken Murphy, Branko Culina and Joe Trout moving back quickly into defensive midfield role.

Murphy and Culina worked like trojans in midfield, and Cumming was always on guard to prevent Heidelberg full back Jim Tansey coming down the left flank into attack.

Trot was disappointing. His work rate wasn't nearly as high as Culina and Murphy, and he created little during the game.

The former Croydon City midfielder will have to show rapid improvement, because with Alan Kerr, Howard

and Paton in the forward line,

A devastating move in the sixth minute earned Croatia the vital opening goal in the final.

The move started with a long penetrating ball out of defence by Gardiner. Gilder leaped to head the ball to Mitten, supporting on his left.

Mitten then exploded towards goal, racing past Jim

and into the penalty area.

Of course, his distribution

was first class, and I'd go as

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Gilder 6th, Murphy pen. 83rd) HEIDELBERG UTD 1 (Paton 89th) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 8,200, Ampol Cup Final.

CROATIA: Blasby 8 — Short 8, Kokoska 9, Gardiner 9, Klarin 7 — Culina 8, Murphy 8, Trout 5 — Cumming 7.5, Mitten 9, Gilder 9.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McMillan 8, Bannon 7, Yzendoorn 9, Tansey 8 — Campbell 8, Rooney 9, Yankos 7.5 — Bozikas 7, Cole 8, Paton 6.

Referee: Bob Henderson 6.

Andrews and Keith Adams returning the axe is hanging over his head.

Trot has been sadly out of touch during the Ampol Cup series, and will not be given much longer to find form.

The first stage of Gardiner's plan went to restrict the Heidelberg attack, to stop through balls for Cole, to stop Tansey overlapping, to pick up Jim Rooney and Jim Campbell when they attacked from midfield, to starve Paton of the service he needs.

Stage two was to exploit any openings in the Heidelberg defence caused by the team pushing up into attack.

Gardiner had a key role in this, as it was his long, raking passes from deep which often caused Heidelberg problems.

Most of Croatia's attacks were launched from deep with long balls at Carl Gilder and Noel Mitten.

These two strikers were brilliant. Their pace and strength always worried the Heidelberg defence, and if not for some fine defensive play by John Yzendoorn, they would have scored more goals.

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Tansey as he went into the penalty area.

Gardiner Jeff Oliver did well to smother Mitten's shot, but the ball spilled away to Gilder, who coolly planted it in the empty net.

The move was carried out with expert precision and devastating speed, as were all Croatia's counter-attacks during the game.

The amazing feature of the game was the amount of space in midfield. Because the Croatia defence was playing deep, there were large gaps in the midfield, a rare sight in a tension-packed cup final.

Unfortunately for Heidelberg, the space was of little use. It meant they could keep possession with ease, but didn't alter the fact that the Croatia defence denied Heidelberg space in the places that matter — in the forward line and in front of goals.

Croatia's stars were Gardiner, Kokoska, Culina, Murphy, Gilder and Mitten.

Culina provided the muscle, with saving tackles and clearing headers. The best thing about Kokoska is that, while he's a giant in stature, he's agile and swift enough to handle a tricky opponent like Paton.

Gardiner was the general at the back, but showed he has admirable defensive qualities with some fine tackles and clearances.

The second pass came late in the game, and should have bought a goal. Culina made a crossfield pass to Short, who knocked it back.

Short made a good run into the penalty area, and Culina threaded a pass through the Heidelberg defence. Short was set to score, but Mitten somehow got in his way, and the move fizzled out.

Gilder and Mitten gave warning that they will score a heap of goals this season.

Heidelberg had many fine players. John Yzendoorn was superb in defence, supported well by Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey.

Tansey was subdued as an attacker by the defensive work of Cumming.

Rooney started slowly, but was a dangerous player in the second half with his runs into attack, and deft balls forward.

Campbell looked like a match-winner early in the game, but wasn't as prominent in the second half. However, who will forget his goal miss in the second half?

Campbell hit the ball in the second half with another shot, but clearly his earlier chance was perhaps Heidelberg's best for the game.

Cole had several chances to score, and in fact, managed to get away from his marker Klarin on several occasions.

To describe all Heidelberg's missed chances would take too long. Suffice to say that Heidelberg had perhaps enough chances to win the game twice over.

But clear cut chances fell to Croatia. The team's second (and the game-deciding) goal came from the penalty spot.

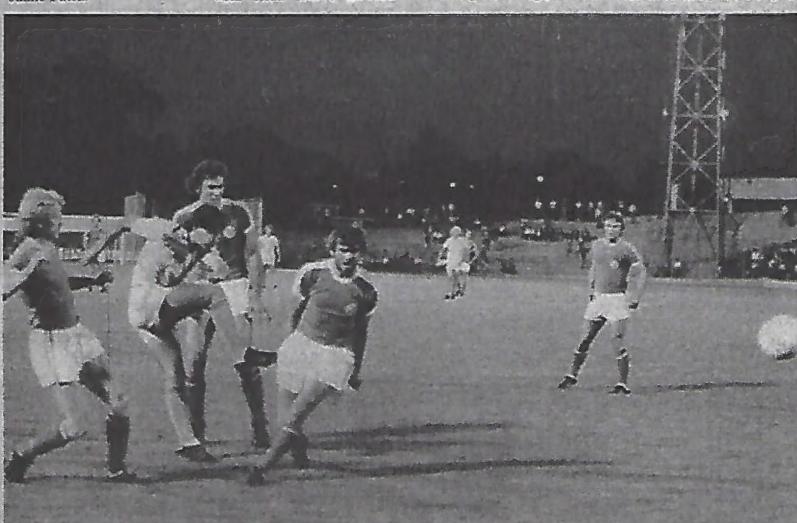
Mitten was away with Oliver to beat Gilder around the Heidelberg goalkeeper, and was about to score when he was pulled down.

Murphy converted the penalty to seal victory.

Goals wouldn't come for Heidelberg. There was even some doubt about the validity of the goal referee Bob Henderson awarded to Utd. in the dying minutes.

After a frantic goalmouth scramble, Peter Blasby dived on the ball near the line. It didn't look as though the ball had crossed the line, but after conferring with his linesman, referee Henderson awarded the goal.

However, that decision didn't affect the result, and



Heidelberg's Jim Campbell cracks a shot at goal. The Croatia players around him are, from left: Ken Murphy, Mick Klarin, John Gardner and, at right, Branko Culina. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS

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Croatia captain Steve Short holds up the Ampol Cup. It was Croatia's third Cup triumph in four years.



Jubilant Croatia supporters carry Ken Murphy off the field in triumph.



Steve Kokoska, impassable in defence, heads clear a Heidelberg attack. At right is Branko Culina and in the background Charlie Yankos.



Croatia striker Carl Gilder (right), guarded by Pat Bannon.



One of the many confrontations between Gary Cole (left) and Steve Kokoska.



Jimmy Rooney slams a shot past Croatia's Joe Tront. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Green Gully recruits here Saturday

Green Gully Ajax recruits Gerry Bennett and Bill Morrey get their first chance to look over their new team when Ajax meets Ampol Cup winner Essendon Croatia at Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans at 3 pm on Saturday.

Bennett, 23, a mid-fielder, is from Winsford United in the English Cheshire League.

Morrey, 28, a goalscoring winger, is from Northern Premier League club Marine.

They arrived from England on Saturday morning.

Ajax is determined to complement its impressive new social club at Green Gully Reserve, with a vastly improved team.

Coach Bobby McLachlan hopes that eventually Ajax will rank alongside Croatia and Makedonia as one of the State League's most powerful soccer clubs.

In the Ampol Cup and in friendly games so far, McLachlan has been assessing the players at his disposal, trying to decide how many of them have what it takes to help power the club up the ladder.

If Bennett and Morrey make the grade, they will join Billy Vojtek, Willie Vassallo, Lou Denys and John Patten as the nucleus of the improved new team.

The Ajax and Croatia reserves will clash at 1.40 pm in the curtain-raiser to Saturday's match.

PLAYERS WANTED

Under 15 Western Regional junior trials will be held at Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans (Vic) from 10 am on Saturday.

Coach Brian Kerr (phone 386 4306) invites clubs from the western region to send along two boys each.

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HELLAS GREATS TO BOOST FALCONS, WILLIAMS TO MOVE

Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong — two star players in the great South Melbourne Hellas team of the middle 1970s — have joined ambitious Second Division club Morwell Falcons.

Walker and Armstrong will renew their friendship with former Soccerco Sandy Irvinne, who is player/coach of Morwell Falcons.

The trio have been team mates on one previous occasion — in 1973 when playing for Victoria against the touring Cruzeiro of Brazil.

Victoria, with Irvine and Walker the centre backs and Armstrong the central forward, went down 2-1 to Cruzeiro's Olympic Dash.

Branko Butkovic, now with south Melbourne, scored Victoria's only goal against Cruzeiro.

However, any future combination featuring the celebrated trio are likely to be far more successful.

Morwell Falcons won promotion from the Third Division last season, and under the inspiring leadership of Irvinne, hopes to leap straight into the First Division.

Irvinne was full of enthusiasm when I spoke to him last week.

"I wish I had played last season, but I was involved in coaching South Melbourne's Second Division team," said Irvinne.

"Jimmy and myself are feeling pretty fit, and know we are going to enjoy our football with Falcons."

Walker is currently helping Juveniles coach Mamm Pouliatis, but will not be his full-time assistant.

Armstrong, who was caretaker coach of Juveniles during the Ampol Cup, is the Director of Junior Coaching at Juveniles, and will remain in this post this season.

Armstrong and Walker, who will train in Melbourne and travel to Morwell on weekends for 'home' games, have been given free transfers by Juveniles.

Walker said he was pleased Juveniles hadn't stood in the



Jim Williams

players' way, and that both would continue to help Juveniles.

Walker started his career in Australia with Essendon Lions. He transferred to South Melbourne, and won Victoria State League career with Juveniles.

Armstrong, the highest goalscorer in the State League, first played with Hakoah St Kilda. He joined South Melbourne, and won Australian and Victorian representations before joining Juveniles in 1977 with Walker.

Irvinne won Australian and Victorian honors while with Juveniles. He then transferred to Frankston City before taking over the Ampol Cup.

Morwell is likely to sign Doncaster Rovers midfielder Alan Williams, whose employment has taken him to the Valley.

Morwell's first test for 1980 comes in the first round of the Dockerty Cup. The Falcons have been drawn against arch-rivals Fawkner in the first preliminary round.

The game, which will be played at Fawkner, will see the clash of the two sides that fought hard against each other for promotion last season.

Morwell, of course, won that battle, but Fawkner, with new coach Mike Lyman, will be going all out for revenge.

McArthur No. 1 at Croydon

Peter McArthur, MLA, is now a patron and the No. 1

Victorian round-up with KYLE PATTERSON

member of State League club Croydon City.

The 'reignitement' of McArthur is a boost to Croydon City, which is aiming for rapid growth in the 1980s.

McArthur was recently presented with a commemorative trophy to honor his acceptance of the Croydon positions.

Irvine suspended

Doveton has suspended striker Steve Irvine because he refused to sign a contract for the 1980 season.

Irvine, who was sought by Juveniles, was asked to sign last week, but declined, saying he had a week to consider his position.

Doveton's administration informed Irvine that he was in dispute with the club, and therefore couldn't play or train with the first team until he had signed a contract.

Irvine said this week he was likely to stay with Doveton, but was still anxious to join a State League club.

"Juveniles hasn't been able to get Doveton to reduce the \$6,000 transfer fee," said Irvine, "and isn't willing to pay that much for me."

Doveton made me a good offer to stay, but I don't want to sign for another week in case a club comes up with the money to buy me."

If Doveton retains Irvine, and it's almost certain it will, the First Division championship should be well within the club's reach.

Doveton is set to sign Dandenong City winger Alan Quinn and has secured Springvale City midfielder Arthur Cherry.

Box Hill defender Paul Corker is high on Doveton's wanted list, and striker Neil Colyer from Whittlesea is also training with the club.

Cherry was set to join Dandenong City, but is signed with Doveton, joining former team mate Hugh Campbell.

Campbell transferred from Springvale to Doveton earlier this season.

Quinn has a set fee of \$500 on his head, but problems have developed with his transfer. Quinn is likely to seek the help of the VSF to solve the problem.

Doveton is negotiating with Box Hill for Corker's clearance, but no agreement has been reached.

Mathot at Vermont

Hank Mathot has been appointed coach of District League club Vermont.

Mathot, who has coached at Ringwood City and Doncaster Rovers, has joined Vermont to the top of the District League Second Division.

Vermont, which plays at Hooland Road, South Blackburn, is looking for senior players and juniors for under 11 and under 14 teams.

For information, ring Mr. Inglesie on 2213555.

Yugoslav Cup to Tarax

Industrial League team Tarax, the Yugoslav Cup winners, defeated Springvale Utd 4-1 at Ross Reserve, Springvale on Sunday, March 19.

Eight clubs took part in the tournament, which attracted several thousand spectators.

Results of preliminary matches at Lilydale on February 10 — Tarax 2 Footscray JUST seconds 1, Springvale Utd 6 Bosna 4, Hawksburn 6 Blue Danube 0, Wiltona Vojvoda 6, Springvale City under 19s 4. Semi-finals at Ross Reserve

Tarax 4 Wiltona Vojvoda 1, Springvale Utd 2 Hawksburn 1

JLMC angry

Several members of the Junior League Management Committee are annoyed with Len McKendry, the Director of Coaching in Victoria.

The JLMC is believed to be interested in accepting an offer from coach Fred Brooks, who is willing to help with coaching of junior coaches throughout the State.

Brooks, the former coach of Sunshine Utd, and senior coach holder, has been waiting for some time for the 'go ahead'.

However, the JLMC can't make any such decision without the approval of McKendry, who in his job governs all coaching in Victoria.

The JLMC has been trying to arrange a meeting with McKendry, and sort out the position, but the State coach's busy schedule hasn't allowed him the time.

With the junior season starting, the JLMC is anxious to get an answer from McKendry.

Summer Cup to H'berg

Heidelberg took out the Eltham Summer Cup and the \$250 first prize by defeating Doncaster 3-1 in an exciting final last week.

Doncaster's A' side won the \$50 bonus prize for scoring the highest number of goals in the three preliminary rounds. The team scored 15 goals.

'Hands off' warns Vrzina

Prahran Slavia manager Tony Vrzina has issued a stern warning to Victorian State League clubs to keep their hands off' ace winger Jim Williams.

An angry Vrzina hit out after Williams had successfully appealed to the Victorian Soccer Federation disputes committee for a transfer.

The VSF committee has instructed Slavia to make Williams available for transfer at \$2,000.

Vrzina, who was stunned by the VSF's decision, has already lodged an appeal with Soccer House in a bid to get the decision reversed, or at least altered.

However, Vrzina knows his chances of retaining Williams depend on the reactions of other clubs in Victoria.

"I know of clubs in the State League who are prepared to offer Williams a lot of money to lure him away from Slavia," said Vrzina.

"I'd like to tell these clubs to keep right away, because Slavia wants to keep Williams. We are trying to build a strong team, but haven't a chance if our top players are poached by rich clubs."

Vrzina added that the future of the State League would be in serious doubt if all the top players continually joined the top two teams in the league.

"The State League will never progress if two teams dominate year after year," said Vrzina. "Clubs must be given the chance to build strong teams, and compete with the financially stronger clubs."

"If any club moves in for Williams, Slavia will use the strongest measures possible in retaliation."

Vrzina was surprised that Williams had appealed to the VSF, as Slavia had been negotiating a new contract with the former Victorian State team winger.

"Williams was unsettled last season, and wanted to leave Slavia," said Vrzina. "But when he returned from the UK recently, the club had talks and hoped to retain Williams."

"The club had paid him money as part of the negotiations, and were confident he would stay."

Williams won his appeal on a technicality with his contract. The contract stipulated that the club must notify the player in writing before December 1, 1979 (the last day of the contract) if the club wants to exercise its option and re-sign the player.

Slavia did not notify Williams, and the player therefore claimed the club didn't want to re-sign him. The VSF committee agreed with Williams, who said he should be placed on the transfer list.

The price of \$2,000 was set by the VSF committee.

In its appeal, Slavia hopes to prove it did want to retain Williams, even though it breached the contract by not notifying the player.

Slavia will present evidence that Williams changed address without notifying the club, and that this made it impossible for Slavia to get in contact with him.



Former Hellas great Steve Walker (left) goes past his Kekaha opponent John O'Neill.



Jim Armstrong (left, in Hellas colors) looks around after deflecting the ball past Hakosh goalkeeper Sandy Henderson.

Nick Lowe from Sunshine City.

Lowe, who was captain of English League team Oxford Utd, joined Sunshine in 1978 from Mooroolbark Utd when that club folded.

Unsettled Ged Bannon is yet to leave Frankston, but there are many clubs who would like to sign the hard-working midfielder.

Frankston City had a special general meeting last night (Tuesday) to solve the current administrative crisis.

Trouble at Frankston came to a head when secretary Les Smith and playing committee chairman Del Lines resigned several weeks ago.

Since then, Frankston has been in turmoil, but the meeting last night hopefully united the two factions with the club.



Sacked Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right) grabs the ball off the foot of Croatia's Alan Kerr. Croatia's John Gardiner looks on.

DOCKERTY CUP

The preliminary round of the Victorian Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday, March 8. The second preliminary round will be played on March 15. Kick-off time is 2.45 pm.

1st Preliminary Round: Mornington v Eltham Park Rangers v Port Melbourne; Frankston v Central Falcons; Yalumba v Brighton; Corio v Box Hill; Nunawading City v Tarax; Frankston Pines or Prahran City v Sandringham or Moreland; Heidelberg United v Corio or Box Hill; Bell Park v Fawkner or Morwell Falcons; Richmond v Doncaster Rovers; Sandringham v Moreland; Frankston Pines v Nunawading.

The following clubs have byes: Waverley City, Central City, Heidelberg Unt., Bell Park, South Melbourne, Ferntree Gully, Altona Gate, Ringwood United, Melbourne, Yalumba or Brighton v Knox City; Heidelberg v Broadmeadows; Coburg v Footscray; Dandenong City v West Geelong; Traralgon v Ardeer; Monash University v Mornington or Eltham; Werribee v Springvale City.

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FORDE AND ATSALAS CHALDI'S PROTEGES

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Eric Carruthers



Gerry Chaldi

Former Israeli international Shraga Topolanski and 18-year-old Tom Forde Jnr are the new centre backs in Gerry Chaldi's restructured West Adelaide team.

Other new players include midfielder Eric Carruthers who returned "home" last week from APIA, and young Steve Atsallas from West's second team.

Topolanski and Forde replace Con Kambas who has decided to return to Greece, and David Jones who has joined Adelaide City.

Chaldi this week predicted a bright future for Atsallas and Forde.

"If I can help make them effective first team players, I will have been successful in my work at West Adelaide," Chaldi says.

"These two are the equivalent of a \$20,000 investment on the transfer market."

The first time Chaldi saw Forde, he was playing as striker for West's second team.

"I liked what I saw. Something clicked inside me," Chaldi said. "I called him over and asked his name."

"I hadn't known that he was the son of Tom Forde, who coached West Adelaide last year."

Forward George Koulanos is another young player with claims to the first team but he has been knocking on the door for two years now. Chaldi hopes that with extra application and by showing more initiative, Koulanos finally will make it this year.

Chaldi will push Peter Boyle from midfield into a more attacking position.

And he says Nell McGahey will be back in action within six weeks.

McGahey's leg was broken so badly in a game against Adelaide City last year that it

seemed unlikely he would ever play again.

"He's recovered from the injury and he looks in great shape. I hope we'll see him back at his best this year," Chaldi said.

Peter Boyle was a prolific goalscorer in Scotland, so his move to West's front line could take part of the load off John Konzinski and Graham Honeyman.

Carruthers, the former Derby County (UK) player who left West Adelaide in 1978 to join APIA, will take Boyle's place in midfield.

Chaldi admired Carruthers' play at APIA, particularly in the first half of last season, and is confident he can stabilise West's midfield.

Vic Bozanic, currently in Noumea with the Australian youth team, will play left back. Up to four players will compete for the right back position.

BARRY REYNOLDS Peter Tymczyszyn, Chilean recruit Carlos Villazon who is expected to arrive soon, and

perhaps Ian McGregor.

Chaldi basked in the luxury of having orthodox wingers (Silva and Watson) at Sydney City, and although he remains on the lookout for such players, he is resigned to playing without wingers at West.

"Sydney City players with wings, it's always one-touch, with the ball on the ground. That's what I've been used to," he said.

West will lose three men — striker Graham Norris and midfielder Gordon McCulloch who are available for transfer and striker Dave Pillans who has retired.

Norris, a regular goalscorer, played for Western Suburbs in Sydney before joining West Adelaide. He scored nine league goals for Western Suburbs in 1977, four for West Adelaide in 1978 and seven last year. He also has scored one Cup goal, giving him a total of 21. This puts him among the top 20 scorers in the league, on aggregate over three seasons.

Adelaide City last week signed striker Vic Smythe, 24, the George Best of the South Australian First Division.

Smythe may not be able to match Best's drinking, but he is similar to the Irish star in his lanky build, his long hair and his subtle ball control.

"His careless attitude to the game has been reminiscent of Best," Adelaide City coach Raleasic said this week.

"But he now is determined to work hard to succeed in top soccer and I see a great future for the kid."

"He is very tall and dangerous in the air. In many ways he reminds me of Branko Butkovic but Smythe has the advantage of working with both feet."

"He is a very fast, explosive player, who not only scores goals but also is a matchmaker."

Smythe was born in Ireland but came to Adelaide as a boy. He played for Beograd and then Assur, from where Adelaide City bought him.

City has signed another brilliant ball player, Luis Casimiro, 18, a winger from Timor.

He escaped from the war in Timor and went to Indonesia for a year. He then had a year in Portugal before moving to Darwin where he played for Casuarina, under coach Manuel DaCruz, a former Adelaide City player. It was DaCruz who recommended Casimiro to City.

"This boy is very fast and he has incredible skill. He's been turning our defenders inside out at training," Raleasic said.

"All we need is to prepare him physically for the tough Philips League competition."

3 by Incantalupo

Juventus (Vic.) beat West Geelong 4-2 after extra time in the final of the Silar Cup at Geelong on Sunday.

Juventus played without Bobby McGuinness, Peter Vaughan, George Gillan and Fausto Tarquinio.

The score after 90 minutes was 2-2 and Juventus added two more during extra time.

Fabio Incantalupo scored three goals and David Coccochio one.

Derek Barron seeks move

George Cross defender Derek Barron, 23, is seeking a transfer.

Barron, a former Glasgow Celtic apprentice who has been with George Cross for four years, can be contacted on 398 1785.

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CROOK HONORED

Martyn Crook of West Adelaide, the 'Soccer Action' goalkeeper of the Year in 1979, was presented with his award in Adelaide this week.

Crook was given a magnificent Seiko quartz watch (pictured) from Konstantine



Martyn Crook

Jewel Box, sponsor of the award.

Konstantine Jewel Box is at 183 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

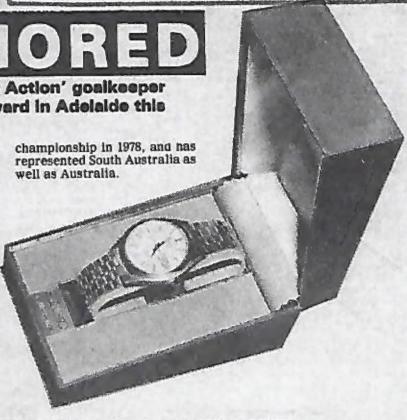
The presentation was delayed when Crook toured China and Taiwan with the Australian team.

Crook, with six points, was clear winner of the award. One point was awarded each week to the top goalkeeper in the Phillips League championship.

Crook has been perhaps the most consistent goalkeeper over the three seasons of PSL.

He was a key player when West Adelaide won the PSL

championship in 1978, and has represented South Australia as well as Australia.



DIXIE DEANS SENT OFF

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Dooley 22 mins), ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Marocchi, 18 mins). Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,500.

Cautions: West — Honeyman, Boyle, Kosmina, Tymczyszyn; City — Bizar, Deans (sent off).

WEST: Crook 7, Reynolds 7, Tymczyszyn 7, Forde 7, Topolanski 8, Dooley 7, Boyle 7, Atsallas 7, Kosmina 7, McGregor 7, Honeyman 7.

CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Meita 7, Basir 7, Jones 7, Perin 8, Muniz 6 (Marocchi 6 (Muir 7), Deans 8, J. Nyakohus 7, Marocchi 7.

South Australian fans must be wondering whether Adelaide's two "professional" clubs — West Adelaide and Adelaide City — are capable of playing against each other without incident.

The two PSL clubs met last Saturday in a trial game which both will want to forget quickly.

Seven players were booked and City's Dixie Deans was sent off in the 1-1 draw.

After last year's controversial incidents involving the two

clubs, the 2,500 fans were hoping they could see a clean, spirited trial.

But instead the match degenerated into a personal vendetta.

The only two highlights were Garry Marocchi's magnificent eighteenth minute goal — a dipping, fiercely-struck volley which would have beaten any goalkeeper in the country — and a neat equaliser from Gary Dooley in the 22nd minute after Graham Honeyman had made the opening.

Other pluses were the form of Marocchi and John Perin for City and Shraga Topolanski and Steve Atsallas for West.

Perin, however, took the gloss off his performance with some unnecessary centre-field antics.

Deans' expulsion came in the 80th minute when he struck Kosmina on the side of the face after the former World Cup player had tackled him unfairly, injuring a leg.

One of the many tasteless moments was the incessant boozing of City centre back David Jones, who transferred from West during the off season.

Jones, a member of West's 1978 premiership team, simply didn't deserve such treatment. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

Blacktown beats Sydney City

Philips League newcomer Blacktown City had a morale-boosting 3-1 victory over Sydney City in a practice match on Sunday.

In another practice game, Marconi beat APIA 1-0.

Blacktown achieved its victory despite the absence of Ian Hunter, Jim Izatt, Bill Amey, Paul Wilkinson and George Harris.

Harris, who broke an arm before leaving St George, is back in training and should be ready for the second match of the season. He can't play in the first game because he has to serve a suspension.

Blacktown led Sydney City 3-0 after a first half that was even in general play. Sydney City, which was at full strength, took command after half time but Mick Jones' boys held on gamely.

Peter Cuk scored two of Blacktown's goals, the other being an own goal by Sydney City player-coach Eddie Thomson.

It was a great effort by Blacktown, which

had lost 0-5 to Marconi the week before.

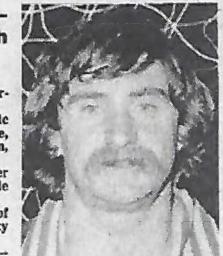
Blacktown's best players were Dave Hardinge, Cliff Polinter and Alan Fisher.

Bruce Stowell, the former Pan Hellenic star, played centre back for part of the game, before being replaced by another veteran, Barry Campbell.

But coach Jones hopes to sign a new player for the second centre-back position alongside Pointer.

He has had talks with Keith Schuman of Sutherland and will approach Adelaide City this week for transfer-listed Jim Muir.

Blacktown's line-up was: Bruce James — Neil Taylor, Bruce Stowell (Barry Campbell), Cliff Polinter, Warren Turnbull — Dave Hardinge (Phill Dalton), Ricky Hormazabel, Carlos Ortega — Peter Cuk, Alan Fisher (David Battan), Steve Pollard.



Warren Turnbull — transferred to Blacktown from APIA

Harry Williams only bright spot

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Pelinkas, 25th, Confessoris 83rd) CANTERBURY CITY 1 (McLaren 8th) at Perry Park. Crowd: About 1000. Weather — overcast and humid. Referee — C. Amos. Caution: Coyne (BC).

BRISBANE CITY — Coe, Perry, Potter, Ratcliffe, Wilkinson, Geffrey, Sneddon (Runje, 37th, who was replaced by Caldwell 61st), Haberle (Coyne 14th), Pelinkas, Kelso, Low (Confessoris 77th).

CANTERBURY CITY — Hozawski, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Stark (Milovanovic 69th), Williams, Kawaleva, J. O'Shea, Salgado (Reis, 63rd), MacLaren, Brennan, Byrne.

In a Philips League trial, which proved

absolutely nothing ... long suffering public who have to fork out \$3 a time, Brisbane City downed Canterbury City 2-1 with the winning goal coming from youngster Dominic Confessoris, who is not even in City's PSL squad.

In the nippy conditions, both sides were dreadful and goalscoring chances few and far between.

Brisbane City had signed midfielders John Haberle and David Sneddon the day before. Both are from New Zealand national league club Eastern Suburbs, and have played for the national side.

But they may as well not have played on Sunday. Haberle lasted only 14 minutes before being replaced and Sneddon was there only 23 minutes longer. Under the circumstances, however, it would be unfair to criticise both at this early stage.

Before being replaced, Haberle caused the Canterbury City goal in the 8th minute, when he was robbed by Don MacLaren, who raced away to beat Martin Coe.

The most pleasing part from Canterbury's point of view was the fitness and aggressive form of former Canterbury fullback Harry Williams, who looks set for a big season.

Following a free kick to the right of the box, Joe Pelinkas attempted a long range drive, which seemed destined for Steve Hozawski's arms, but the ball bounced just before he hit it, ricocheted off his shoulder and into the net for the equaliser.

Such was the standard of football displayed in this match, I am loth to award player rating points, so in the circumstances, I would give each player the standard six for an "average performance". — BRUCE WARDELL.